



NOAA/NWS Phoenix Volunteer Program



Summer 2015 Session

Applications Due Friday 8 May 2015

Selections Made Wednesday 13 May 2015

To provide career training opportunities and support operational services, the NOAA/National Weather Service (NWS) Phoenix Weather Forecast Office (WFO) established a volunteer program for upper class undergraduate and graduate college meteorology students. This program does not replace the existing NOAA/NWS Phoenix mentorship program.

Eligibility To qualify, applicants must be undergraduate students entering their junior or senior years or graduate students in good academic standing. Students may complete no more than two volunteer sessions.

Sessions The volunteer program will run three sessions each year (Jun-Sep, Oct-Dec, Jan-Apr) to generally coincide with traditional academic calendars and weather patterns in Arizona.

Outcomes Through the course of the volunteer session, the student will (1) develop an understanding of the culture, responsibilities, and services of the WFO, (2) complete introductory training, and (3) assist the WFO in delivering services for a minimum of 80 hours (tracked by WFO Staff). Optional outcomes include career counseling, work on a collaborative research or services-oriented project, and/or assist with outreach events. Arizona State University students will be eligible to earn up to two credits on a pass/fail basis (see Dr. Cerveny for details). This position is unpaid.

Application The selection process will be competitive. Applicants will submit a resume (including at least one professional/academic reference), a cover letter expressing what attributes they would bring to and what they hope to achieve from the program, and unofficial transcripts to Paul.Iniguez@noaa.gov. NWS personnel will review applicant packets and, in coordination with university personnel, select volunteers for the next session. The number of volunteers selected will be based on availability of NOAA/NWS Phoenix resources. Note volunteers are subject to a mandatory security background check.